

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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STATE OF MONTANA

No. AF 11-0765

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IN RE THE ACCESS TO JUSTICE
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ORDER

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On May 22, 2012, this Court created the Access to Justice Commission (ATJC). In our Order, we identified the ATJC's general duties, all of which relate to assessment of, planning for, coordination of, and making recommendations concerning the provision of access to justice for all Montanans. We also identified groups from which the ATJC's membership would be drawn and appointed in a separate order. By order dated September 18, 2012, we have appointed the initial members of the ATJC.

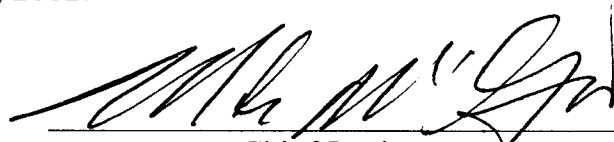
At this Court's June 19, 2012, public meeting on proposed changes to the Montana Bar Examination, we voted to refer to the ATJC, for its consideration and recommendation, a proposal to establish a requirement that applicants to the Montana bar must complete fifty hours of pro bono service within three years before they are admitted to the Bar.

Therefore,

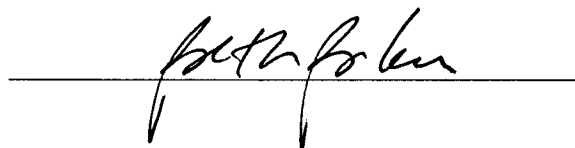
IT IS ORDERED that the ATJC shall consider and make written recommendations to the Court, by no later than July 1, 2013, concerning the proposal that applicants to the Montana bar be required to complete fifty hours of pro bono service within three years before their admission to the Bar.

The Clerk is directed to provide copies of this order to each of the newly-appointed members of the ATJC, the State Bar of Montana, and Montana Board of Bar Examiners Chair Randy Cox.

DATED this 9th day of September, 2012.



Chief Justice

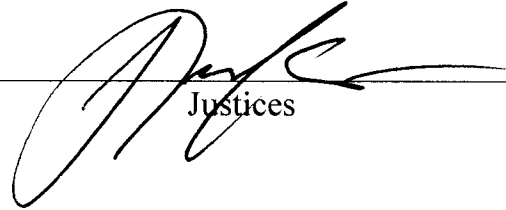


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